

To His Grace, his Majesties High
Commissioner, and the Right Ho-
nourable Estates of Parliament.

THE
P E T I T I O N
O F
The Principal and Masters of the
Marishal Colledge of *Aberdeen*

THAT where it has been his Majestic and Royal Predecessors constant care, to provide for and give all Incouragement to Universities and Colledges, and by several Acts of Parliament, there has been Vacant Stipends allowed them, for the use and upholding of their Fabricks ; And now by the Late Act of Parliament, the Vacant Stipends being applyed for Pious uses ~~within the University~~, & ~~the Appurtenances thereto~~, and we finding some years agoe that our Colledge was exceedingly decay'd, did adventure the Founding of a new Addition to the said Colledge, and by the Charitable Assistance of several Gentlement in the Countrey and Others the Roof is finished ; Without any former Encouragement from the Publick, but a gift of two Vacancies, (which we have not as yet Received.) And there being no Fond left in our hands for Compleating the said Work ; And beside we being considerably in debt throw the great Advances thereupon, and seing it will yet take a Considerable Expence to finish the same, we have humbly presum'd to make Application to your Grace and Honourable Estates of Parliament, that we may be allowed the Vacant Stipends of such Churches whereof the Earl Marishal is Patron, to be applyed for the use foresaid ; As the same shall happen to be Vacant by the deceas or Removal of their Respective Incumbents.

May it therefore please your Grace, and Lordships, to consider the Premisses, and to pass an Act Authorizing us to uplift the Vacant Stipends of such Churches whereof the Earl Marishal is Patron, Viz: Foveran, New-Dear, St. Brides, alias Dunnotar, Fetteresso, Old-Dear, Auchridic, Longside, Peter-head, St. Fergus, King-Edward, And any other whereof the Earl is Undoubted Patron ; And to ordain Letters of Horning, and other Execution needfull, to pass at our Instance, and our Successors, against all others lyable in payment ; And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.